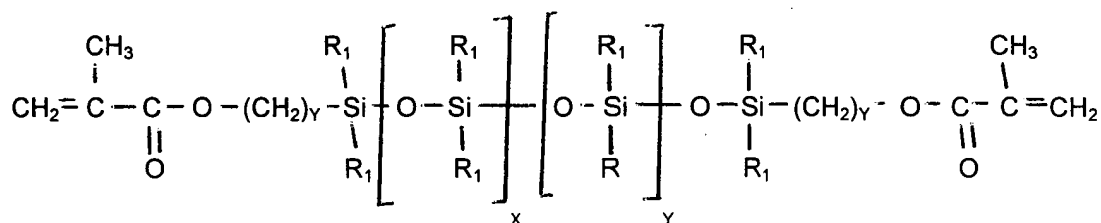


IN THE CLAIMS:

Please withdraw claims 6-20 without prejudice before calculation of fees.

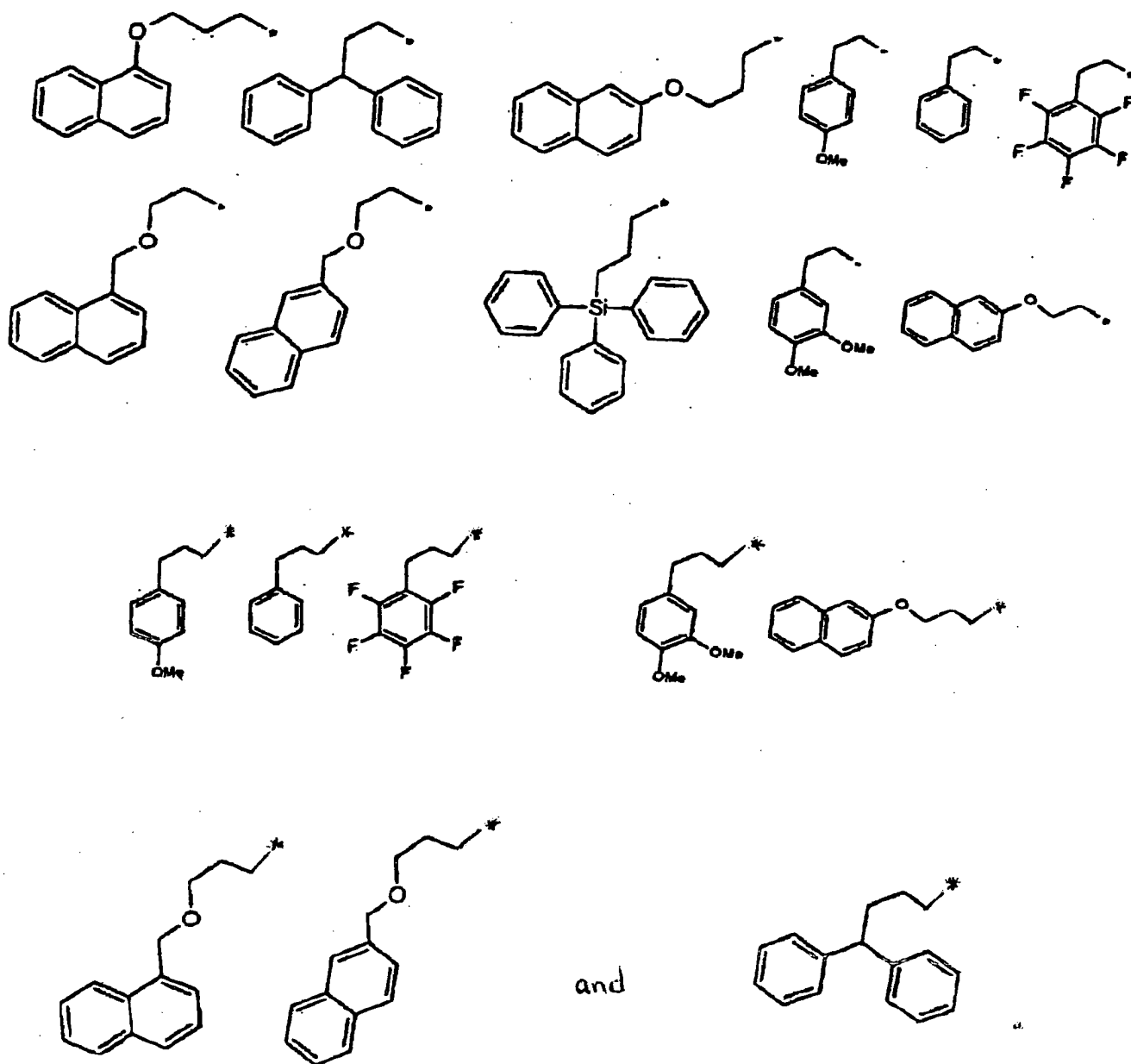
**Claim 1. (Original)** Aromatic-based siloxane macromonomers comprising:



wherein the R groups may be the same or different aromatic-based substituents;  
R<sub>1</sub> is an aromatic-based substituent or an alkyl; x is a non-negative integer; and y  
is a natural number.

**Claim 2. (Original)** The macromonomer of claim 1 wherein said R groups may  
be the same or different C<sub>6-30</sub> aromatic-based substituents.

**Claim 3. (Original)** The macromonomer of claim 1 wherein said R groups may be the same or different aromatic-based substituents selected from the group consisting of



**Claim 4. (Original)** The macromonomer of claim 1 wherein said  $R_1$  groups may be the same or different aromatic-based substituents or alkyl substituents.

**Claim 5. (Original)** The macromonomer of claim 1 wherein said  $R_1$  groups may be the same or different  $C_{6-30}$  aromatic-based substituents or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl substituents.

**Claims 6-20 (Withdrawn)**

Should there be any questions regarding this preliminary amendment,  
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Respectfully submitted,

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